

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Francis Highby Case served the state of South Dakota and this nation in the United States Congress from 1937 to 1950 and the United States Senate from 1951 until his death in 1962; and,

WHEREAS, His assignments on the Rivers, Harbors and Flood Control Subcommittee of Public Works and on the Select Committee on Natural Water Resources made it possible for him to be instrumental in negotiating numerous irrigation and flood control projects; and,

WHEREAS, His position on the Highway Subcommittee of Public Works enabled him to assist in writing the federal highway legislation which resulted in the network of the United States Interstate Highway System; and,

WHEREAS, He is credited as being the moving spirit behind the War Renegotiations Act which resulted in a savings to our nation of an estimated amount of \$9.3 billion in fiscal recoveries from cost-plus contracts; and,

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in locating the strategically important Ellsworth Air Force Base in western South Dakota, and he played an important role in getting federal appropriations to complete Mount Rushmore; and,

WHEREAS, His journalistic abilities, coupled with his love for the Black Hills, inspired him to successfully promote the scheme of having President Calvin Coolidge vacation here in 1927 at which time the State Game Lodge in Custer State Park became the summer White House, and he also promoted President Eisenhower's visit in the fall of 1952; and,

WHEREAS, His accomplishments were such, in the above named activities, that the following sites have been named in his honor: Francis Case Bridge in Washington, D.C.; Francis Case Lake on the Missouri River above Fort Randall Dam; Francis Case Bridge across the Missouri River west of Platte, S.D.; Francis Case School at Ellsworth Air Force Base; and Francis Case Auditorium in Hot Springs, S.D.; and,

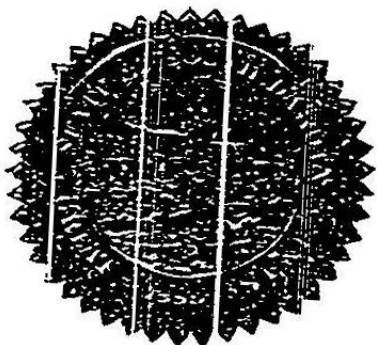
WHEREAS, The community of Custer was his home from the time he became owner and publisher of the Custer County Chronicle in 1932 and, later, purchased the K/S Ranch until he died in office on the 22nd day of June in 1962; and,

WHEREAS, Francis Case is being remembered on Saturday, July 7, with dedication ceremonies of a bronze bust, cast in his likeness, which is to be placed in the Custer Community Center in Custer, South Dakota, in his honor:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 7, 1990, as

FRANCIS CASE DAY

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused to be affixed
the Great Seal of the State of South
Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City,
this Third Day of July, in the Year of
Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety


GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE